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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph 9 of Assembly resolution 48/35 of 9 December 1993.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. In connection with the item, the Sixth Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) The report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country; 1/

(b) Letter dated 11 September 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/49/377-S/1994/1047);

(c) Letter dated 14 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/49/548-S/1994/1184);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/49/26).

(d) Letter dated 23 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/49/569-S/1994/1210).

4. The report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country was introduced by its Chairman at the 39th meeting, on 23 November 1994.

5. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 39th meeting, on 23 November 1994. The summary record of this meeting contains the views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item (see A/C.6/49/SR.39).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.6/49/L.15

6. At the 39th meting, on 23 November, the representative of Cyprus, on behalf of Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus and the Russian Federation, later joined by France, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country" (A/C.6/49/L.15) and orally revised operative paragraph 6, which had read:

> "6. Welcomes also the measures taken at the ports of entry by the host country at the request of Member States, as well as the efforts of the Committee for health coverage of the United Nations community"

to read as follows:

> "6. Welcomes also the measures taken at the ports of entry by the host country at the request of Member States, as well as the efforts of the Committee to explore the possibilities for the diplomatic community to be provided with more affordable dental and health services".

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/49/L.15, as orally amended, without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, 2/

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/49/26).

Recalling Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations 3/ and the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations 4/ and the responsibilities of the host country,

Recognizing that effective measures should continue to be taken by the competent authorities of the host country, in particular to prevent any acts violating the security of missions and the safety of their personnel,

Noting the spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding that has guided the deliberations of the Committee on issues affecting the United Nations community and the host country,

Welcoming the increased interest shown by Member States in participating in the work of the Committee,

1. Endorses the recommendations and conclusions of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country contained in paragraph 73 of its report;

2. Considers that the maintenance of appropriate conditions for the normal work of the delegations and the missions accredited to the United Nations is in the interests of the United Nations and all Member States, and expresses the hope that the host country will continue to take all measures necessary to prevent any interference with the functioning of missions;

3. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts made by the host country, and hopes that problems raised at the meetings of the Committee will continue to be resolved in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law;

4. Voices its concern that the amount of financial indebtedness resulting from non-compliance with contractual obligations of certain missions accredited to the United Nations has increased to alarming proportions, reminds all permanent missions to the United Nations, their personnel and Secretariat personnel of their responsibilities to meet such obligations, and expresses the hope that the efforts undertaken by the Committee, in consultation with all concerned, will lead to a solution of this problem;

5. Welcomes the lifting of travel controls by the host country with regard to certain missions and staff members of the Secretariat of certain nationalities, and expresses the hope that the remaining travel restrictions will be removed by the host country as soon as possible, and in this regard notes the positions of the affected States, of the Secretary-General and of the host country;

6. Welcomes also the measures taken at the ports of entry by the host country at the request of Member States, as well as the efforts of the Committee

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3/ Resolution 22 A (I).

4/ See resolution 169 (II).

to explore the possibilities for the diplomatic community to be provided with more affordable dental and health services;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to remain actively engaged in all aspects of the relations of the United Nations with the host country;

8. Requests the Committee to continue its work, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".